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VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

(Mr. PETERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PETERS. Souderton, Pennsylvania, December 15, 2014:

Patricia Hill, 75 years old.

Joanna Koder Hill, 57.

Aaron Flick, 39.

Patricia Flick, 36.

Nicole Hill, 33.

Nina Flick, 14 years old.

Rice, Texas, September 20, 2013:

Israel Alvarez, 33 years old.

Misael Alvarez, 10.

Cain Alvarez, 8.

Israel Junior Alvarez, 4.

Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 7, 2013:

Julie Jackson, 55 years old.

Misty Nunley, 33.

Rebeika Powell, 23.

Kayetie Melchor, 23 years old.

Colorado Springs, Colorado, November 27, 2015:

Officer Garrett Swasey, 44 years old.

Jennifer Markovsky, 35.

Ke'Arre Stewart, 29.

Cadiz, Kentucky, October 26, 2014:

Lindsey Champion, 62 years old.

Joy Champion, 60.

Emily Champion, 32.

Vito Riservato, 22.

Palestine, Texas, November, 14, 2014:

Carl Johnson, 77 years old.

Thomas Camp, 46.

Hannah Johnson, 40.

Nathan Camp, 23.

Austin Camp, 21.

Kade Johnson, 6.

THERE IS NO BURGER KING PROVISION IN THE CONSTITUTION

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the administration blames the violence in America on gun dealers and Congress. So the administration is going to issue some more executive memos and unilaterally ignore the Second Amendment.

Never mind that the administration's illegal action would not have prevented any of the tragic mass shootings in recent years. The administration should be prosecuting criminals who use guns, not vetoing the Second Amendment.

The administration's executive action on gun control is just the latest example of the White House attempting to bypass the Constitution and the legislative branch to implement a political agenda.

The Constitution does not have a Burger King provision for the executive branch. The President cannot have it his way. Laws are written by Congress. The executive is to enforce the law, and the former constitutional professor should know better than to dictate new law, regardless of whether he thinks it is a good idea or not.

The administration's edict granting of executive amnesty has already been

ruled unconstitutional by lower courts, but it seems that the administration won't let the Constitution get in the way of political expediency.

And that is just the way it is.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION LEGISLATION

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, this time last year, I attended the State of the Union Address with my guest, Richard Martinez, whose son Christopher was gunned down during a tragic Isla Vista shooting that rocked our local community on the Central Coast of California.

Together, we committed that "not one more" life should be lost, "not one more" family affected, "not one more" community torn apart by gun violence.

On Tuesday, Mr. Martinez stood with the President as he announced executive actions to curb gun violence. These actions are an important step forward, but they are also a recognition that Congress has shirked its responsibility to take action to protect all Americans from this epidemic.

If we are ever going to fulfill our pledge "not one more," we must take bold action.

I speak today to urge my colleagues to join us. It is far past time to act with urgency, put partisanship aside, do what is necessary to keep our neighborhoods safe. We may never be able to guarantee the elimination of gun violence entirely, but we can guarantee that, if we do nothing, nothing will change.

STAFF SERGEANT CHESTER MCBRIDE

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, lining the streets of downtown Statesboro, Georgia, last weekend, hundreds of people holding American flags gathered to pay respects to a fallen hero. Air Force Sergeant Chester McBride was killed in an attack in Afghanistan that also claimed the lives of five more servicemembers last month.

He was laid to rest on Saturday, January 2. Chester was only 30 years old. He was a former starting cornerback for the 2001 Statesboro High School championship team. He excelled in sports in school, graduating from Savannah State University in 2007.

Chester had dreams of joining the FBI when he returned home. He was posthumously awarded four medals for his actions in service by the United States Air Force.

Chester chose to serve his country, and we will always remember the sacrifices he made in the name of freedom. A family has lost a son, and a community has lost a hometown hero.

May God continue to bless our servicemen and -women and their families. Let us never forget what was said 2,000 years ago: that the greatest love one can offer is to offer their lives for another.

GUN VIOLENCE

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues from both sides to stand up for the 100,000 people who have been killed by gun violence over the past decade.

It is time to stand up for the over 2,600 children who die from gun violence and the over 6,400 women who are murdered by an intimate partner by a gun each year.

I believe it is the responsibility of this body to take the steps in order to protect our citizens. We are not limiting a person's right to bear arms by requiring everyone or an entity selling firearms to obtain a license and to do background checks. We are saving lives. We are not limiting a person's right to bear arms by looking at safety technology, gun safes with fingerprint technology. We are saving lives.

We are certainly not restricting a responsible citizen from obtaining a firearm by investing in mental health care and by renewing domestic violence outreach efforts, as both are causes of gun violence.

It is time to respond to this now. The status quo is no longer acceptable.

MARCH FOR LIFE

(Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we made history. For the first time, Congress put a bill on a President's desk to defund Planned Parenthood, an organization that puts its financial interests ahead of women and children. More than that, Congress is investing in women's health by redirecting this funding to organizations that don't take innocent lives.

In Michigan, there are 20 federally qualified health clinics for every single Planned Parenthood location. Let's eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood and invest those dollars in federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics. This will ensure that women receive high quality medical care while protecting the life of the unborn.

West Michigan and the Second District of Michigan are home to passionate and dedicated pro-life organizations in Grand Rapids, Holland, and the Tri-Cities area, and Muskegon, Newaygo, and Mason Counties.

Later this month, hundreds of thousands of Americans, including many